

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows.

9. (Amended) A method as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said second acid is added in excess of the stoichiometric amount to react with the ferrous ions.
10. (Amended) A method as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising the step of recycling the regenerated first acid to the source of the metal pickling process acid.
16. (Amended) A method as set forth in Claim 15, further comprising the step of recycling the regenerated hydrochloric acid to the ferrous metal pickling process solution.
20. (Amended) A method as set forth in Claim 15, wherein said sulfuric acid is added in excess of the stoichiometric amount to react with the ferrous ions.
21. (Amended) A method of pickling a metal, comprising:
- a) contacting said metal with a solution including a first acid for a time sufficient to pickle the metal;
 - b) removing said metal from resultant solution;

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c) adding a second acid to resultant solution to produce a regenerated first acid and a metal salt of said second acid;
d) crystallizing said metal salt of said second acid; and
e) removing said metal salt of said second acid from resultant solution.

22. (Amended) A method of regenerating the solution resulting from the pickling of metal at a temperature below 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees C) capable of being crystallized by temperature reduction at a temperature below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, (0 degrees C), comprising mixing sulfuric acid with spent hydrochloric acid at a certain temperature and forming FeSO_4 capable of being crystallized by temperature reduction at a specific temperature to 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Cancel Claims 11-14 with formal traverse to the Restriction Requirement and without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 15-22 are in the case.

Claims 9, 10, 16, 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and